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Farm, Garden & Household.

DIGGING MUCK.

In many localities, this can only be done at a season of the year when the streams are low, which is usually in the hot weather, though sometimes October and November finds the streams as low, or lower than August or September, but to delay digging muck until cool weather is to run the risk of not digging at all, for it often happens that a heavy rain in September will fill up the streams so that the water in the meadows will be too high to dig muck except on the top, which, while it gives better muck, is a great waste of land. When possible to do so, it is usually best to dig as deep as the muck can easily be dug out, say four feet deep, thus getting eight cords to the acre.

So many mistakes have been made in the use of muck that many farmers have abandoned its use entirely, but when used intelligently it is a very important aid to him, and no good farmer will refuse to use it. To cart large quantities of wet muck into the barn yard as was the custom twenty-five years ago was a waste of time, as it adabs but very little to the value of the manure, especially if it was to be applied to heavy land. When farmers began to use muck liberally, they did not in "estimate enough to learn the fact, that muck is a material that is unfit for plant food, until it has been changed from its natural condition, or that while it may be very beneficial to one kind of soil, to a different kind it may be injurious.

Careful observation and many experiments have convinced many intelligent farmers, that, to a limited extent, muck is very valuable, providing it be in the right state, and is applied to the right soil, in a proper manner. While many deposits of muck are found to be of but little value, if not positively injurious when used green, nearly all deposits are found to be good when permitted to become well dried, whether it be used as an absorbent or applied directly to the land. It is now very generally admitted that it is a waste of time to cart into the barn yard, even of dry muck more than is necessary to absorb the liquids. If any more is to be used it should be applied directly to the land and composted with the soil. Well decomposed muck is found to be very beneficial to light land.

The farmer should always have at least three years supply of muck on hand, thus giving it time to become well dried and pulverized. One load of this is worth a dozen of green muck just out. Before the rainy season sets in, the farmer should buy dry muck enough to use as an absorbent during the wet and freezing weather.—*Moss, Florida.*

AN A.B.A.

One acre of ground in lawn and garden is sufficient to maintain a family cow in any village or rural locality. One who knows how it is done, and has done it for several years, describes the methods by which it is accomplished: "A quarter of an acre is in garden—strawberries, currants, grapes, raspberries, blackberries, and gooseberries. There are six apple trees, and fourteen pear trees. All but the garden is in grass, chiefly orchard grass. I am already feeding down a small piece of orchard grass under some apple trees the third time by tethering the cows upon it. Some of the grass I have just cut the second time, and some give a third cutting. Fifty rows of sweet corn for table use are now beginning to yield boiling ears, and the stalks and husks go to the cow. There are pea vines, bean vines, beet tops, small potatoes, and other wastes to help feed the cow luxuriously, and in this way the family cow may be kept in abundance throughout the year upon one acre, while her manure will keep the whole acre growing richer every year, and will provide a liberal quantity for the flower beds, and the shrubs, and dwarf pines on the lawn. A very large quantity of the best manure is made by throwing the weeds with all the soil attached to them, the leaves that are taken up, and the wood ashes from the house, together with as much soil as may be needed into a shallow pit in the rear yard, and leading the drainage from the manure gutter into it. If a farm were only managed as one manages the garden, every acre might easily pay a hundred dollars, but the labor is not to be had, and one pair of hands cannot do it for more than five or six acres. But the time will come when it must be done when the land becomes fully occupied, and this great country, as its population increases, a number which it can sustain with the greatest ease, with a thorough system of cultivation."—*The Daily.*

A large milk flow attests only a liberal diet.

The Springfield Republican says that of the 110,000 Federal officials, only 16,000 concur in the civil service rules, and of the whole 16,000 over 50,000 postmasters. Governor Cleveland will have 95,000 offices to fill without interfering or intruding upon the civil service rules at all.

A curious fact in relation to the Greely Arctic expedition is not generally known. According to Lieut. Greely's account, of the nineteen men who perished, all but one were smokers, and the one was the last to die. The seven survivors were non-smoking men. This is an important argument for the anti-tobacconists.



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